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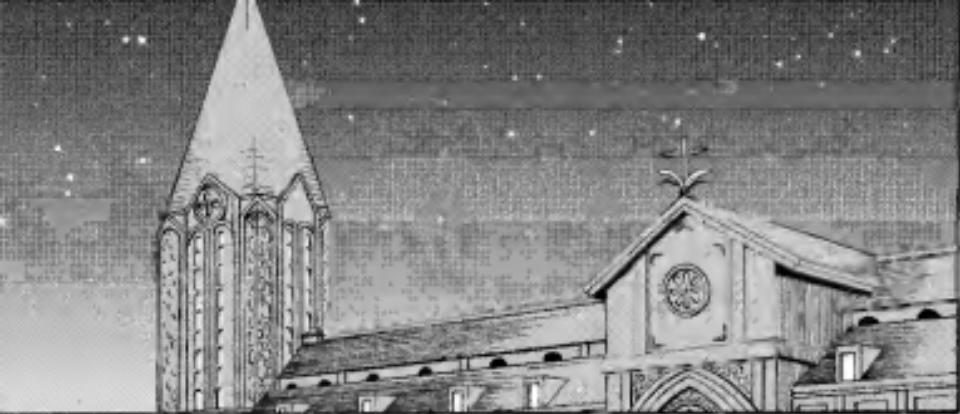
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Chapter 1: Where is Gajeel?





WHAA?!

WE SUSPECT THAT...

...GAJEEL REDFOX
IN SOME WAY
ASSISTED WITH
THAT ESCAPE!

AND YEAH,
I KNOW HE
STRUNG US
UP ON TREES
ONCE, BUT...

RIGHT! SURE HE
DESTROYED THE
GUILD AT LEAST
ONCE, BUT...

HE MAY NOT
LOOK LIKE
ONE OF
YOUR TYPICAL
"GOOD GUYS,"
BUT...

JUST
WAIT ONE
SECOND!

WE COULD
DETERMINE
THAT BY SIMPLY
BEING ABLE TO
ASK THE MAN
HIMSELF!

...I CAN'T
IMAGINE
GAJEEL
DOING
ANYTHING
LIKE THAT!

IN
ANY
CASE
...

HE DID SAVE
EACH ONE
OF YOU AT
LEAST ONCE,
REMEMBER?!

WAIT, WHAT
EXACTLY IS GOOD
ABOUT HIM?

HMPH!

とお~
BWAAAHN









GAGEEL HAS
BEEN MISSING
FOR THE PAST
THREE DAYS.



NO.

YOU'RE
KIDDING!
YOU MEAN
YOU WEREN'T
WITH HIM?



ISN'T THAT
THE SAME
POSTER THAT
THE COUNCIL
MEMBER WAS
HOLDING?!

WAIT... DOES
THAT MEAN
THAT GRAEEL
REALLY WAS...

WHAT
IS
THIS
...?!

I
AGREE.

THAT
WOULD
NEVER
HAPPEN!

AND THE
COUNCIL
MEMBER'S
ATTITUDE
INDICATES
THAT GRAEEL
IS A SUSPECT,

WHICH
MEANS THAT
HE MAY BE
SOMEHOW
CONNECTED TO
THIS CRIMINAL...

HOWEVER,
HE *IS*
MISSING.
THAT'S A
FACT.





"DETERIORATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY IN BANDIT TOWN OF DENISH...?"

HERE.

THERE WAS A NEWSPAPER ALONG WITH THE WANTED POSTER, AND IF YOU'D LOOK AT THIS ARTICLE...

REALLY?!

...I THINK IT WAS WHERE Gajeel LIVED.

PRIOR TO HIS ENTRY INTO OUR PREVIOUS GUILD, PHANTOM LORD...

Juvia has heard of Denish ...

Gray-sama is the only one for Juvia!!

Juvia just hears rumors now and then!

Never fear that Juvia was ever untrue to you!!

You sure know a lot about Gajeel, Juvia.

Wait! You're going there now?!

I suppose the best way there is to take the train.

The town of Denish.

...THAT Gajeel-kun's absence has put you into such a panic that you'd rush off without consulting anyone?

I CAN'T WAIT THAT LONG!

YOU SHOULD ASK THE MASTER'S OPINION FIRST!

THE COUNCIL'S MAKING ITS MOVE, YOU KNOW!

LEVY-SAN, COULD IT BE...

NO...

HEY!!
I'LL BE IN THE TOWN OF DENISH IF YOU NEED ME!!

RINNY-WRY!

LOVE!!

NO! IT'S NOTHING LIKE THAT!!

SWOON

SHOCK









PAT

WELL,
SINCE
WE'RE
HERE...

... WHY
DON'T WE
GO CRAZY
FOR A BIT,
JUST THE
TWO OF
US?



GEE
HEE!



THE
BANDIT
TOWN OF
DENISH

BAR

Chapter 2: My Town

CHATTER
ヲワ
CHATTER

CHATTER
ヲワ

TUNK
ヲフ

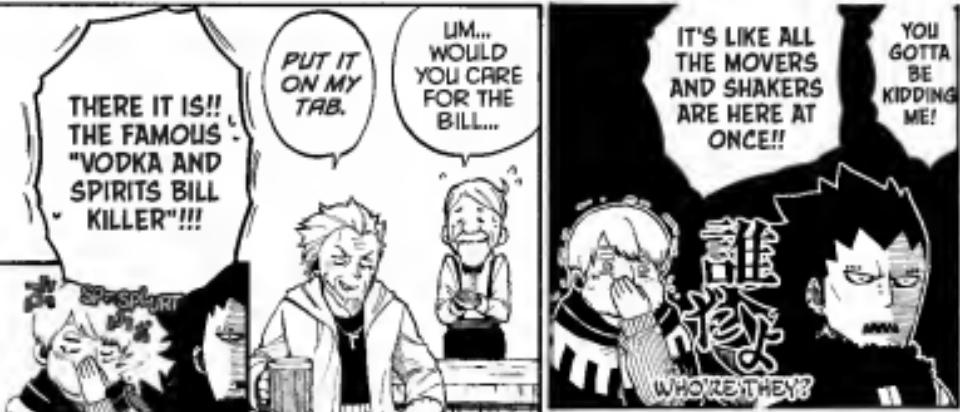
AH HA HA HA!
THE BOOZE IN
THIS BAR IS
AS BAD AS IT
ALWAYS WAS.

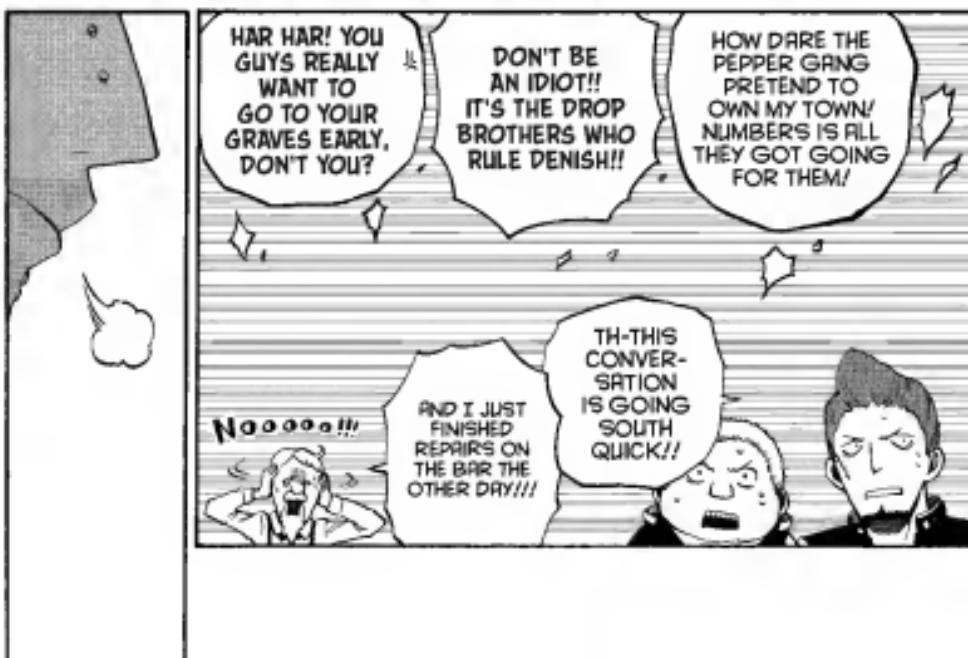
















THIS
TOWN...

...IS MY
TOWN!!





THE
RULERS OF
DENISH!! THE
REDFOXES
ARE BACK!!

GEE
HEE

♯
E
b

RED-
FOX!

RED-
FOX!





Chapter 3: A Meeting in Denish









WILL YOU ALL
SHAPE UP AND
STOP FIGHTING
IN MY BAR?!

HONEST-
LY...

SOUNDS
LIKE
FUN!!

YOU
GONNA
FIGHT TO
GET A
MEETING
WITH
HIM?

BOOM

GEE
HEE!

ALL YOU JERKS
START A FIGHT IN
HERE, AND YOU'LL
BUST THE PLACE
UP AGAIN!

YOU
...

GA-
JEEL!

BOSS!!

YEAH!

!!





GWAAA

THUD



SO THIS IS
THE TOWN OF
DENISH.

BOOM



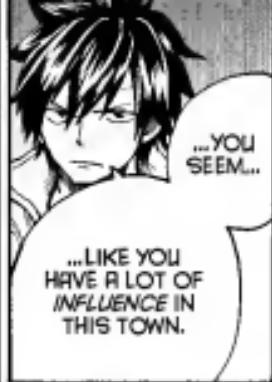


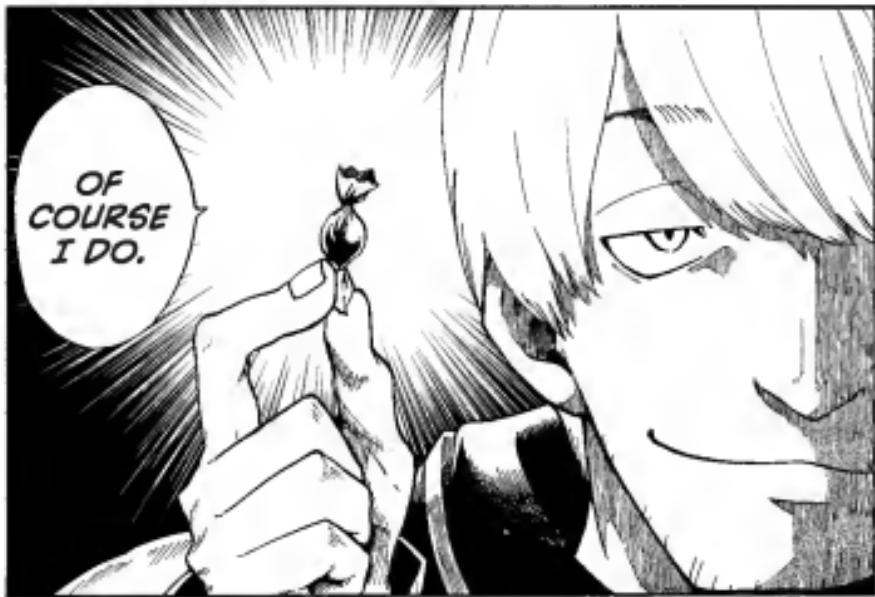


WE'D BETTER SHOW YOU
SOME OF OUR
"HOSPITALITY"!













PHYSICAL
FORCE,
HUH?

OH, MY
!











Chapter 5: Road Knight



...TRYING
TO RUN
DOWN THOSE
UNDERWORLD
ROADS ON
YOUR OWN.

BUT YOU
ALWAYS
CHARGE
HEAD-
ON...

POW







ZLASH



IDIOTS!!

YOU GUYS
GOT SOME
REAL ATTITUDE
FOR NOTHIN'
MORE THAN A
LITTLE BOOST
IN MAGIC
POWER,
DON'T YOU?

HUH?











WHEN HE HAD
A FRIEND, AND
HE DIDN'T WANT
THE FRIEND
INVOLVED...



...HE'D
GO OFF
WITHOUT
TELLING
ANYONE...

...AND TAKE
THEM ALL
ON ALONE.



THAT'S
JUST THE
WAY HE
IS.

AND
THAT'S WHY
I WANNA
HELP HIM.



Chapter 6: The Gajeel I Never Knew



WE HAD TO DO
A LOT OF BAD
AND STUPID
THINGS TO
SURVIVE.

SURE.

AND YOU
TERMED
UP WITH
HIM THAT
LONG
AGO?

WE WENT AFTER
SOME RICH FOLK
AND ENDED UP
CATCHIN' A FEW
LUMPS OUR-
SELVES.

WE EVEN
LEARNED
MUSIC FROM
TRAVELLING
MINSTRELS.

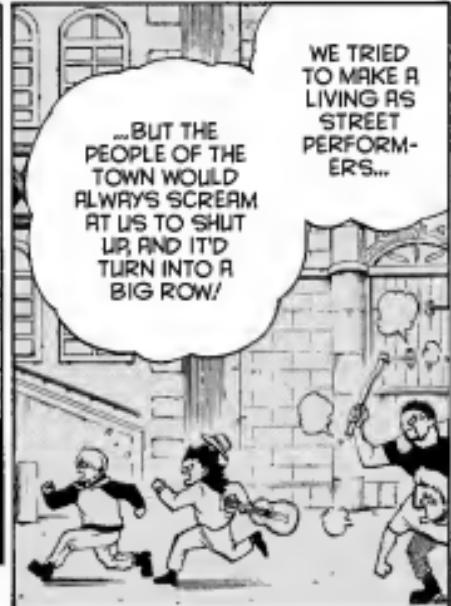
AH
HA
HA
HA

Hey,
you're
really
good!

WE TRIED
TO MAKE A
LIVING AS
STREET
PERFORM-
ERS...

HE WAS
ALWAYS
SAVING MY
BUTT.

...BUT THE
PEOPLE OF THE
TOWN WOULD
ALWAYS SCREAM
AT US TO SHUT
UP, AND IT'D
TURN INTO A
BIG ROW!



WE WERE
ALWAYS
TOGETHER.

IF
Gajeel
AND I
TEAMED
UP...

...THERE WAS
NOTHING WE
COULDN'T
DO.

WE WERE
THE BEST
TAG-TEAM
EVER!

Gajeel-kun
NEVER
SPEAKS
ABOUT HIS
PAST.

THAT
STORY
WAS FASCINATING.

...
AND THEN I
WENT AND
GOT MYSELF
CAUGHT.

Well...

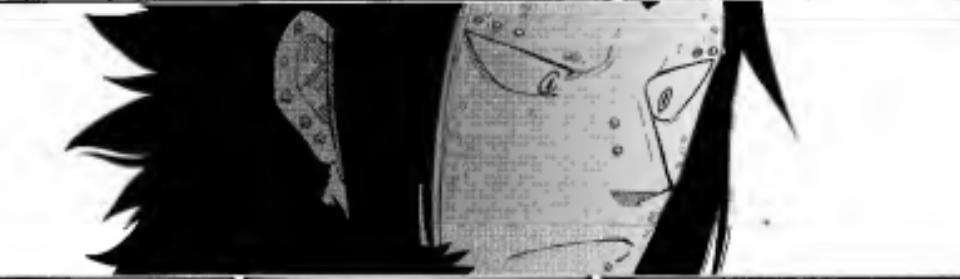
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Gajeel slipped up













Chapter 7: Will You Just Shut Up



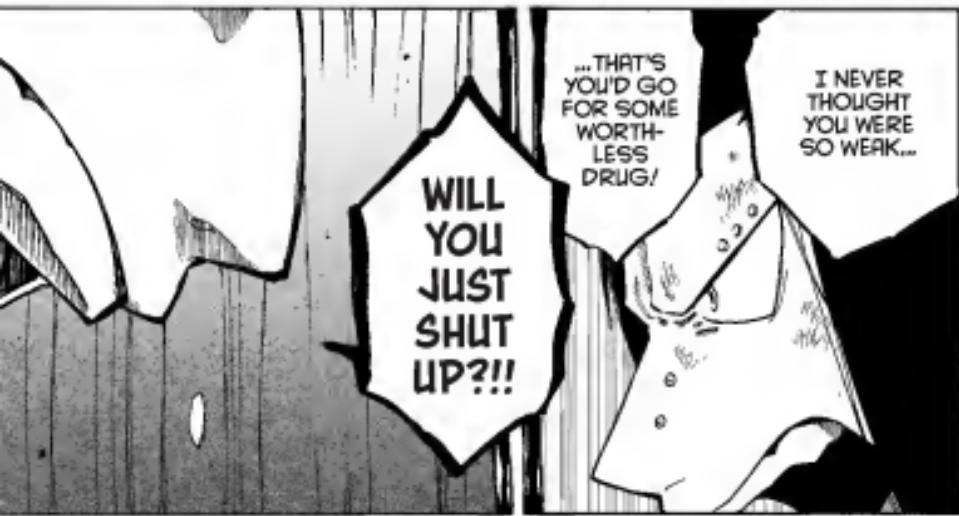
















...THEN USE EVERY-
THING YOU GOT TO
CRUSH ME!

BET
YOU JUST
CAN'T
STAND IT.

TUMP

AND
IF YOU
CAN'T...

YOU
ARE ONE
STUPID
JERK!!

TCH!

VOOSH



YOU
WANNA
STOP
ME, THEN
DO IT BY
FORCE!!



YOU
LITTLE...



GAJEEEL !!

!! SHIK



THIS IS ONE
FIGHT WE CAN'T
INTERFERE IN!

YEAH!

BUT I CAN'T
LET YOU HELP
OUT WITH
THIS ONE.

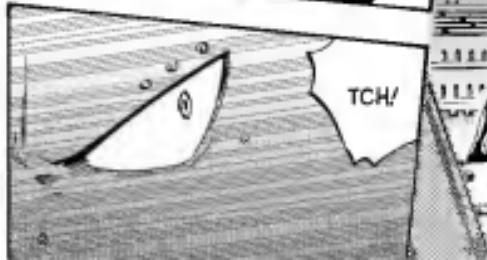
SORRY,
LEVY.

AND YOU
TOO,
LILY?!
GRAY
?!





THIS ONE
...
...IS
GAGEEL'S
FIGHT
AND HIS
ALONE.





KEEP
THAT TO
YOURSELF!

THEN I'LL
WRITE A
SONG FOR
YOU AFTER-
WARD'S.

KEH!

CLANG

HUH?

CLANG

CLANK

YOU'VE
CHANGED!
IT'S LIKE
YOU'RE
A FULL-
FLEDGED
ADULT
NOW!

IT'S
LIKE
THEY
TRUST
YOU,
GRAEEL!

GRH
HR!







GACLANG

...MRSH/

I GUESS
YOU GOT IT
RIGHT...

...IN-
VOLVED

I RINT
HOW I
USED TO
BE...

NOW, I
GET A LOT
MORE...

CRACK

...IN
THINGS
THAT ARE
A REAL
PAIN
IN THE
BUTT!!!



GIVE
ON UP
THAT VIEW
WITHOUT
ME IN
IT!!

'CAUSE
NO MATTER
WHAT TRICKS
YOU USE...

...YOU
AIN'T
EVER
GONNA
BEAT
ME!!

WHUD

Chapter 9: Man Behind the Curtain



...WELL,
THAT'S
YOUR
OWN
BUSI-
NESS.

IF YOU DECIDE
TO GO OFF
AND DIE IN A
GUTTER AFTER
THIS...



DON'T
TALK
STUPID!

I JUST
COULDN'T
STAND YOUR
ATTITUDE, SO
I HIT YOU.
THAT'S ALL.



YOU
WANNA DIE,
THEN KILL
YOURSELF
OFF!

GAJEL

TCH!

KOFF





I THINK
HE MAY
HAVE HAD AN
ACCOMPlice.

フウ
FWOOSH

BESIDES,
EVEN IF
HE USED
RHODONITE...

...I STILL
WONDER IF
IT WOULD BE
POSSIBLE FOR
HIM TO BREAK
OUT OF THE
COUNCIL'S JAIL
ON HIS OWN.

MIST
P!

!!







THAT'S
RIGHT.
YOU NEVER
NOTICED,
DID YOU?

IN OTHER
WORDS, THE
ONE WHO WAS
PULLIN' THE
STRINGS ALL
THIS TIME...

... WAS YOU?

YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE RELAX-
ING, YOU
KNOW!

NOW
JUST A
MINUTE!

THAT FIGURES.

SO I'VE
BEEN THINKING
THAT WE CAN
RESOLVE
EVERYTHING
BY BREAKING
SOME OF YOUR
BONES.

...AND
BEHIND THE
RHODONITE
TRADE.

YOU'RE THE
GUY WHO
BROKE
OUT OF THE
COUNCIL'S
PRISON...

SHFF

=I

...AND
YOU WERE
BEHIND
GAJEL'S
DISAPPEAR-
ANCE...

ALL
WE GOTTA
DO IS CRUSH
THIS GUY AND
HIS GANG,
RIGHT?

Booom

CRACK







Chapter 10: Friends







HEY,
SOMEBODY'S
GOTTA TAKE
THE FALL.
LOOK'S LIKE
THAT WILL ALL
BE ON YOU!

I'M
GOING TO
CHANGE SOME
OF YOUR
MEMORIES.











'CAUSE I'M
STRONG
ENOUGH
TO HANDLE
IT.



WE
CAN
TALK
THIS
OUT-

W-
WRIT,
GRJEEL!

CLANK

THIS
IS WHAT
FAIRY
TAIL IS!

WATCH
WHAT
I
DO!











THE
FOG...IT'S
CLEARED
AWAY!









GRJEEL IS
ONE MAN, BUT
HE HAS MANY
ASPECTS.



WHEN GIVEN
AS A GIFT, IT HAS
THE MEANING
OF SOMEONE
WHO HOLDS HIS
FRIENDS AND
FAMILY VERY
CLOSE.



AND TO
GET TO
KNOW THEM
MYSELF.



IT
ACTUALLY
MAKES ME
HAPPY TO
SEE HIS HOME
TOWN AND
FRIENDS...



AAA!

THOOM



YERH.







RHODONITE



THE YEAR IS X791.
IT HAS BEEN ABOUT
A HALF YEAR
SINCE FAIRY TAIL
DISBANDED.

ON THE
BAMBINA
HIGHWAY JUST
OUTSIDE THE
BAMBOO
FOREST...

Chapter 12: First Bout

BA-BOOM
WE DON'T
WANT
TO GET
CAUGHT
UP IN
THIS!!

GO
FASTER!
FASTER!

WHAT?
WHAT?

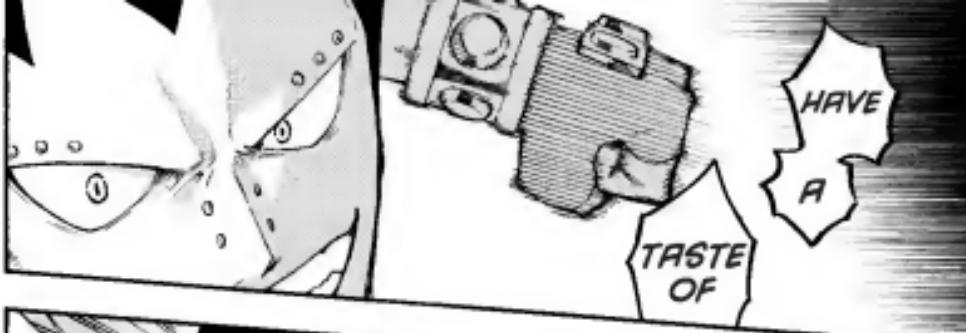
WHAT
IS
THIS?!

ZSH

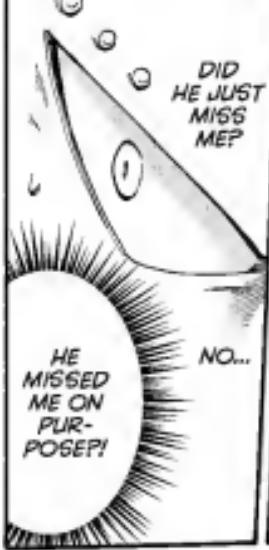


















Chapter 13: Slave Trade



AND THAT'S WHY THIS HAPPENED?

THOSE MEN JUST SUDDENLY ARRIVED...

...AND FORCED US INTO THEIR CARRIAGE.

YOU HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT IT?

THESE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS WHILE THE COUNCIL WAS BUSY REFORMING...

CHURCH AFTER CHURCH HAVE BEEN ATTACKED.

YEAH, THE SLAVE TRADE.

IT'S ESCAPED CONVICTS LIKE YOU THAT'VE BEEN KEEPING US SO BUSY!

SO DON'T GET SO UPPITY!

WHAT KINDA WORK HAVE YOU JERK'S BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME?!

HUHP

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

RUMBLE





STOP
YOUR
BLUB-
BERIN'!



IF YOU WANNA
SURVIVE,
YOU JUST
START MOVIN'
FORWARD!



NO USE
IN THAT.
ESPECIALLY
IF YOUR
FAMILY AIN'T
AROUND.



WHICH
BRINGS
ME TO THE
POINT...

THIS
GUY
IS...









I'LL HAUL
THEM ALL IN,
AND WHEN I
DO, I'LL HAUL
YOU IN WITH
'EM!

IT'S
BEST FOR
THE WHOLE
WORLD IF
THESE GUYS
GO DOWN
RIGHT NOW.

QUIT
GETTING
YER PANTIES
IN A BUNCH
OVER EVERY
LITTLE
THING!

HEH!
YOU
CAN
TRY!!

ZSHHHHH



Chapter 14: The Infallible Plan



BUT WHY
WOULD
ONE OF THE
SEIS...?

IT LOOKS LIKE
THE COUNCIL HAS
FINALLY SNIFFED
US OUT.

HE HASN'T
TEAMED UP
WITH GAJEL,
HAS HE?
NARL...

I'D SAY IF WE
TRIED TO FIGHT
'EM HEAD-ON,
WE HAVE A SLIM
CHANCE OF
WINNING...

...BUT...

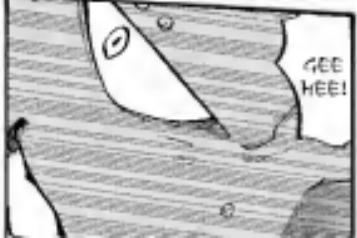
YOU
THINK IT'S
OKAY?

SO IF
THEY'RE
HEADING
HERE...

THIS
IS MY
TER-
RITORY!

... THERE ARE
PLENTY OF
WAYS THAT
WE CAN
SHOW THEM
A GOOD
WELCOME.























YOU
DON'T MIND
GETTING
THE BRATS
CAUGHT UP
IN IT?

I DON'T LIKE
THE WAY YOU
USE MAGIC,
YOU JERK!

HOW
ADMIRA-
BLE OF
YOU!

OHP YOU'RE
ACTUALLY
PROTECT-
ING THE
BRATS?!



I COULDN'T CARE LESS IF THEY DIE!

HEY, IF A BRAT GETS BUSTED UP, THEN ALL I GOTTA DO IS GET ANOTHER BRAT.









DOKURYÜ
NO
HÔKÔ*
!!!

FWOOM

WHA
-?!















THAT'S
WHAT YOU
WANTED.

SO
ACCEPT IT
WITHOUT
COM-
PLAINTS!

"I WANT
TO KEEP
MY FAMILY
SAFE!!"

"I DON'T
CARE WHAT
HAPPENS
TO US..."

"...JUST
GET THAT
GUY!!"

WHATEVER
PAIN YOU'RE
FEELIN' IS
MEANT TO
MOVE YOU
FORWARD.

HMPH!





MY WHOLE
REASON FOR
BEING HERE
IS OVER
NOW.



HUH?



DON'T
HASSLE ME
WITH YOUR
SMILES!



THAT
MEANS
THERE AIN'T
NO REASON
FOR ME
TO STICK
AROUND
ANYMORE.



!



CLANG



I'M
GONNA
GIVE YOUR
COUNCIL
THE SLIP...

...AND
MAKE
MY WAY
OUTTA
HERE
A FREE
MAN!

FINISHED
WITH
WHATEVER
BUSINESS
YOU HAD?

Final Chapter: The Place to Go Home to



I WOULD ASSUME
YOUR ERRAND
WAS QUITE VITAL
FOR YOU TO HAVE
VANISHED ON
YOUR OWN.

HEH.
OF COURSE
WE DID!
WHY? YOU
DIDN'T WANT
US TAGGING
ALONG?

YOU'VE BEEN
MISSING SINCE
LAST NIGHT.

RWW, YOU
NOTICED?











ON THE
OTHER HAND,
I MADE A
PROMISE
TO THOSE
BRATS.

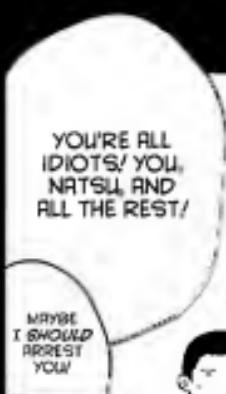
THAT I'D
GET THEIR
FAMILY
BACK FIRST
THING.

I DON'T
CARE WHAT
YOU GOT
GOING ON.

I CAN'T
JUST LET
YOU GO.

SO
YOU'D
BETTER BE
HERE WHEN
I GET BACK.
GOT IT?!

WHILE I'M
DOING THAT,
I MAY NOT
BE ABLE
TO WATCH
YOU LIKE I
WANT TO.





FAIRY
TAIL IS
THE PLACE
WHERE I
BELONG!

SO THAT'S
WHY WE HAVE
TO DO OUR
BEST HERE!

FAIRY TAIL
COULD
REFORM AT
ANY TIME AND
PLACE!

COME ON,
GAJEL! SNAP
OUT OF IT!

YOUR
NEXT
JOB!

FLIP
OVER

HEH!

IF I
GOTTA,
THEN I
GUESS I
GOTTA.

TO BE CONTINUED IN FAIRY TAIL

Intermission





AFTERWORD

It's the second volume of *Fairy Tail Gaiden!*

This time, Gajeel is the main character, and to tell the truth, Gajeel is a *Fairy Tail* wizard that I particularly like.

And since this story touches on parts of Gajeel's past, it introduces a character by the name of Mash.

Actually, I really worried about whether or not to include Mash.

But even so...and I mentioned this in the last volume's Afterword, but I'm a personal fan of *Fairy Tail*, and I really like the *Fairy Tail* worldview. On top of that, I get to work with a wizard I like and get into his past, so I wondered if it's okay to stuff in a character that I created? I mean, really, is that okay...? As manga creator Shibano, this makes me happier than anything, but *Fairy Tail*-fan Shibano screamed at me for wanting to add an original character, and I couldn't get past that.

And that's why I worry. I mean if it's an enemy character, the hero can hit them, and BOOM, it's over. You don't worry too much about that...

So when I talked to my editor about it he said, "If your enemy character is compelling, doesn't that make the hero (Gajeel) who defeats him even more compelling?"

Hey, that's true!!!!

If I'm going to draw a really cool Gajeel, I can't have him go up against a half-baked antagonist! And that's how Mash gradually became the character that he is. And I have to say that I'm really liking Mash now.

And although it was a bit of a short story, I had Gajeel do a tag-team with Cobra. Since Gajeel's with the council, and Cobra broke out of the council's jail cell, I thought this might be the perfect chance to team them up. Since neither of them ever actually say what they're really thinking or feeling, I think it gave their dialog a bit of a unique atmosphere.

Anyway, let's meet again in the next volume!

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Translation Notes:

Page 5, Local Specialty

There's a tradition in Japan that when traveling, every region has a dish or two that is considered their signature dish. Sometimes it's related to the crops grown or animals available in the region and other times related to certain ways of preparing food. The smart traveler researches these before he takes off on his journey, and there are some who simply memorize all the local specialties all over Japan. Some examples include Okonomiyaki (a meat & veggie pancake-like dish) for places like Hiroshima and Osaka, fried prawns for Nagoya, or Champon (a Chinese noodle dish) for Nagasaki.



Page 23, Don of the Pepper Gang

As the readers probably figured, Sanro Pepper is not named Donald. The Japanese also uses the word 'Don,' and, of course, it's the same word as we know in the phrase 'mafia don.' Just for those who don't know, it's originally an Italian word *donno* which



is a word of respect, although it was originally a word for 'lord' (it comes from the Latin, *dominus*)

Page 61, Road Knight



There are unique aspects of the Japanese language that make the way the Japanese spell Rhodonite exactly the same as the way the Japanese would spell the English words, Road Knight. But in this case, the 'road' is referring to a dark, scary road, and the 'knight' would be more like a warrior or swordsman. And you wouldn't want to meet a swordsman on a dark road, would you? That's the nuance that is being imparted to the Japanese reader when they read the meaning (in small Japanese letters next to the English words).



MASH



He wasn't a wizard himself, but he was able to use his easy-going conversation style to become a seller of magic items (although it seems an easy-going personality can't successfully sell all items). He also learned swordsmanship for self-defense.

The council became aware of him after he sold defective magic items in a fraud case, and he was jailed. But one thing he kept a secret was that he claimed responsibility for all the actions of his accomplices, allowing them to go free.

He always seemed to rely on Gajeel's overwhelming strength, and because he could never match Gajeel's strength, he started getting jealous. After they talked things over, he returned to jail, and awaited the end of his now-extended sentence.

STORY
THREE

RHODONITE

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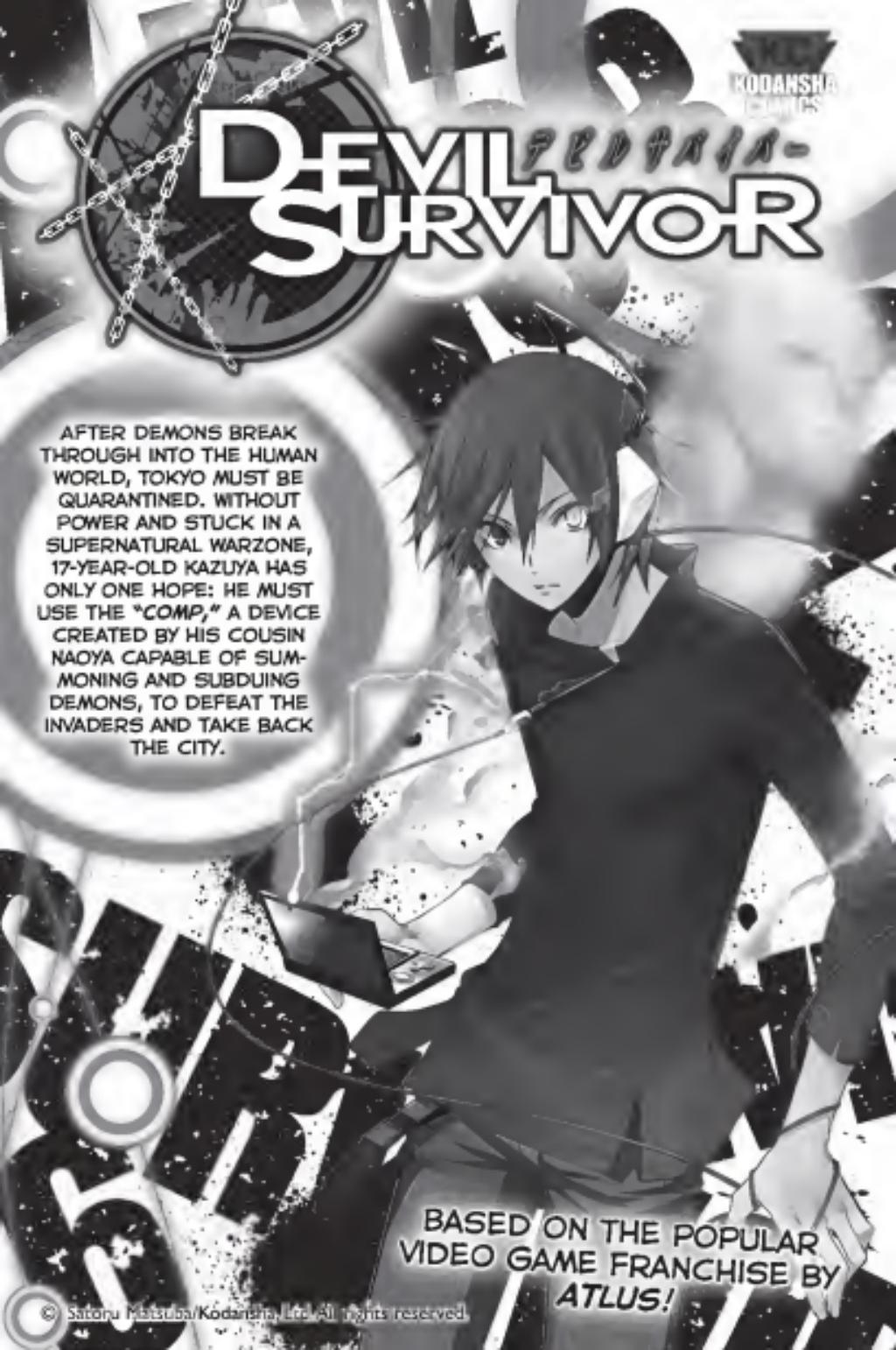
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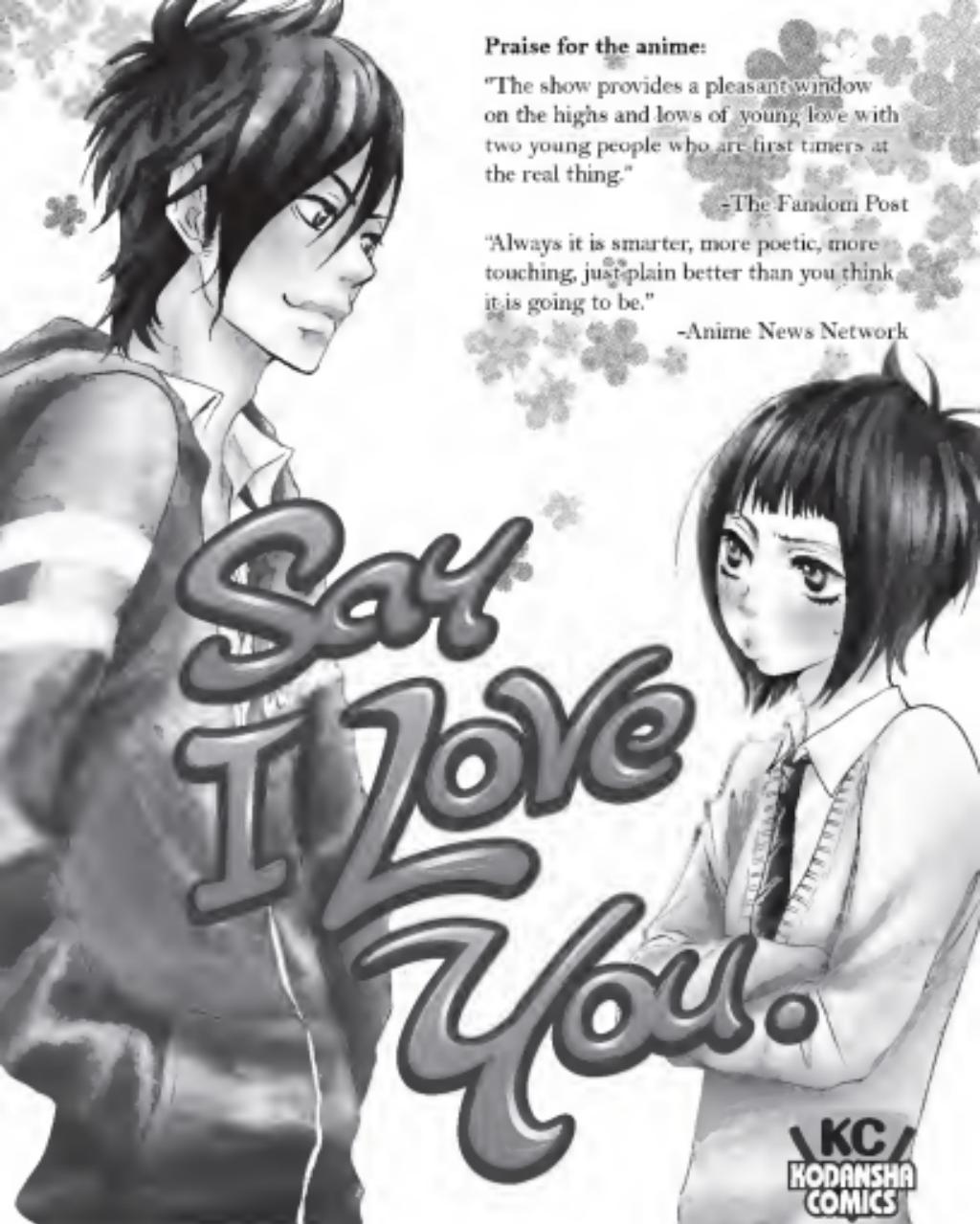
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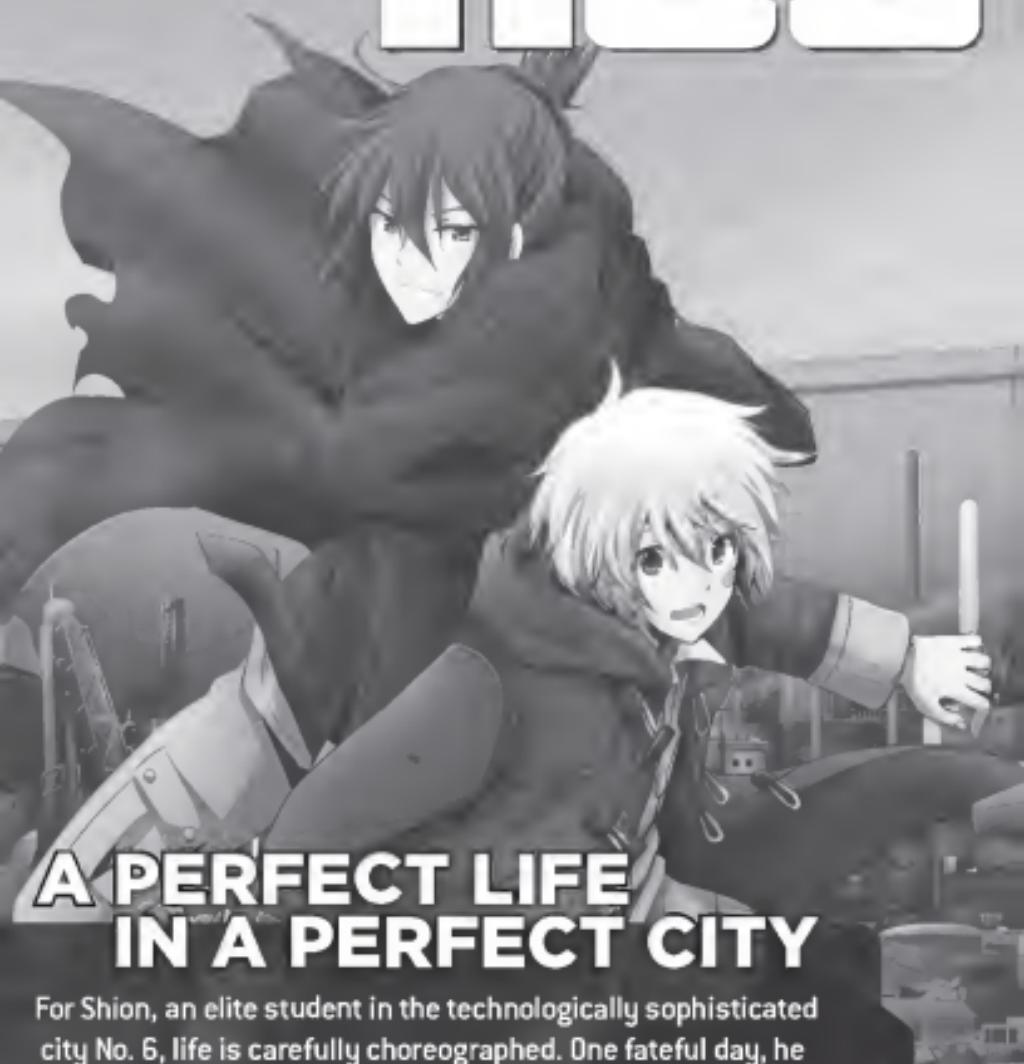
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Class troublemaker Ryu Yamada is already having a bad day when he stumbles down a staircase along with star student Urara Shiraishi. When he wakes up, he realizes they have switched bodies—and that Ryu has the power to trade places with anyone just by kissing them! Ryu and Urara take full advantage of the situation to improve their lives, but with such an oddly amazing power, just how long will they be able to keep their secret under wraps?

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